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TO: All Stakeholders

FROM: Lori Thompson, Assistant Director Program Services

DATE: September 10, 2014

SUBJECT: COMMUNICATION BRIEF
Home and Community Based Services-for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (HCBS-DD), Supported Living Services (HCBS-SLS) and Children's Extensive Supports (HCBS-CES) waiver renewals

Purpose: To inform all stakeholders of the renewal status of the HCBS-DD, HCBS-SLS, and HCBS-CES waivers and distribute the public comment Listening Log for the two waivers.

Background: The Division for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (the Division) submitted waiver renewal applications for the HCBS-DD, HCBS-SLS, and HCBS-CES waivers on March 5, 2014, all of which were set to expire June 30, 2014.

Information:

The HCBS-SLS waiver renewal was approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective July 1, 2014 for a five year period ending June 30, 2019.

The HCBS-DD waiver renewal was approved by CMS effective July 1, 2014 for a five year period ending June 30, 2019.

The HCBS-CES waiver continues in the review process with CMS, and CMS has granted a temporary extension of the current waiver until September 28, 2014. Separate communications from the Division were issued July 9, 2014 and August 13, 2014 regarding the HCBS-CES waiver renewal.

In its review of all three waiver renewal applications, CMS determined that the Division's rate determination and reimbursement methods for certain services do not comply with HCBS waiver assurances. The Division was required to strengthen its rate determination and reimbursement standards in order to receive CMS approval. Information on the necessary changes to rate-setting, prior authorization, and billing procedures will be provided through future communications.

The HCBS-DD and HCBS-SLS waivers are available to read on line. Please click on this link or copy and paste the link into your web browser to view the waivers:
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/didd-communication>

The public comments received pertained to both the HCBS-DD and HCBS-SLS waivers. Comments and responses were combined on to one form for ease in distribution and review.

Attachment: HCBS-DD and HCBS-SLS public comment log

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